

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 28 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

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Office Hours:
Monday to Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (3rd Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism
package from the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months
prior to desired date.
Marriage Prep offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of
loved ones who are housebound
or in the hospital so they may
receive the comfort of the Church's
sacraments and prayer.

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if
you or someone you know would
like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

Annamae Elliott
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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or
www.resurrectionist.net

New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!
Please register at the office or pick up a
registration package at the church entrance.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira
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St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
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Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth,
but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which
he moves compassion on
this world.

Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which
he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 1ST

Tuesday, March 2,

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:05 pm +Mary Rongits; Bob Rongits

Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. – Pope Francis

Wednesday, March 3, 9:00 am

+Frank Walter; Maurice Downey

Acquire the Holy Spirit and thousands around you will acquire salvation. – St. Seraphim Sarow

Thursday, March 4, 12:05 pm

+Janet Stevens; Danielle Pilon

Give me a person of prayer, and such a one will be capable of accomplishing anything. – St. Vincent de Paul

Friday, March 5, 9:00 am

+Bob Raible; Ed, Marg, Rob & Corby Burrows

No one heals himself by wounding another. – St. Ambrose

Saturday, March 6, 5:00 pm

+Jacqueline Lachapelle; Roch Lachapelle

+Cheryl Lenover; Rick & Leona Weishar

Sunday, March 7, Third Sunday of Lent

Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR March 6/7

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading: Jn 4:5-42

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| Mon., March 1 | Rev. Duy Van Nguyen |
| Tues., March 2 | Rev. John Van Hees |
| Wed., March 3 | Disalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C. D. |
| Thurs., March 4 | Rev. Vivek Trindade |
| Fri., March 5 | Rev. James Petrie |
| Sat., March 6 | Rev. Gerald Mulhall |

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

Violence against women - We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

At this time the parish office is only open on Wednesdays, limited hours. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton Diocesan website.

Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Conditioner and Deodorant

MINISTRIES for March 6/7

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly

9:30am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, John Bruder

Lectors

5pm Tom O'Marra

9:30am Joan Coutu

Sign Ministry

Mar 1 Nancy Lucier

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As Lent has begun we will be having the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the 7:05 p.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us.

During Lent we will be having Confessions each Saturday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Check out the information regarding our Fish Friday Fundraiser in March in the bulletin. We hope that you will take part in this fundraiser. Our Christmas Turkey Dinner was a success. Let us strive to make this Fish Friday a success as well.

Check out the Weekly Reflection posted on Wednesday, February 24th. Deacon Basil and myself are assembling and painting a bird house. You will have the opportunity to purchase a kit and make one for you and/or with your family. The kit is \$10 (assembled or unassembled). All you need is a hammer, wood glue, Robertson screwdriver and latex paint. Send your requests to st.teresaofavilaelmira@gmail.com. Payment for the kit can be put in the collection at Mass or dropped off at the church on Wednesdays when the Parish Office is open. If you are writing a cheque it is payable to St. Teresa's Church. We will need your name and telephone number to call you when the kit is ready for pick-up. This is an excellent opportunity to do something together as a family.



I am available for appointments Tuesday to Friday. If you have any concerns please call the Parish Office and we will get back to you.

We are allowed to open our churches again. May God watch over us and keep us safe. All safety protocols will be in place in the church and all are welcome to come.

Yours in Christ,
Father Peter Meyer

ST. TERESA OF AVILA FISH FRIDAY FUNDRAISER is on **Friday, March 12th** with pick up for lunch or dinner from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grill on the Green (at the Elmira Golf Course). Enjoy a 1 piece hand-dipped haddock with fresh cut fries, creamy coleslaw and your choice of Apple Crumble Pie or Greek Baklava. Cost is \$16.99 plus tax. \$3.00 from every order will be donated back to St. Teresa of Avila. **Meals must be pre-ordered by**

Wednesday, March 10th and there are 2 ways to do this.

1. You can call the restaurant (519-669-1652 ext. 27) (Wed - Sun from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.) with the number of dinners required and the time you will be picking them up. They will take your payment over the phone.

2. You can go online to order and pay. Go to www.tgotg.com and click the Link to Order. Click View menu/order. Click on No. Click St. Teresa's Fish Friday Special. Enter the quantity and in Special Instructions type in the time you will be picking them up on March 12th. Click on Add to order. Click on Checkout and follow the prompts.

When picking up your order, please follow the signs and protocols for social distancing. Thanks for your support!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 – World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church event that began 99 years ago bridging social, geographic, and political barriers in over 170 countries. On the first Friday in March each year communities throughout the world gather to pray in solidarity with those in need. Vanuatu, a chain of islands to the east of Australia, has prepared the service this year. We are encouraged to reflect on the challenges this republic has encountered during its steps to independence over the last forty years. The writing team has shared the injustice obstacles that the women of Vanuatu have met, and the hopes they have for the future. These experiences unite us all in prayer and solidarity. Usually the women's groups of the various churches in Elmira plan a joint service, but with the pandemic this year we invite you to participate from your own homes. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) has prepared a video service with participants from across Canada. On **Friday, March 5** we invite you to watch this video which you will be able to find on our parish website (www.stteresaelmira.ca) and our facebook page (www.facebook.com/stteresaelmira). If you have any questions please contact Alice Soeder, Spiritual Development Chair for our CWL, alice_soeder@hotmail.com. We hope you can join us in prayer on March 5th.

BILL C-7, which will expand the eligibility criteria for **EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE**, passed in the Legislature and was sent to the Senate for approval. In the Senate further changes were made that would allow MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) to occur more often by removing the "reasonable foreseeability of natural death" criterion currently in the Criminal Code. It will also allow MAID for those who are suffering from mental illness. Senator Batters spoke quite eloquently as the third reading of the Bill was occurring in the Senate. Please take the time to listen to her words as she lays out her thoughts and

passionately defends the vulnerable in our country: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7empfv36HM&feature=youtu.be>.

While it will be challenging to stop the proposed changes now, it is not too late to make a difference. Please watch this video clip. Contact your Member of Parliament and let them know that the changes proposed to Bill C-7 goes too far, beyond what the courts called for and now puts at risk all persons suffering from mental health or disabilities, the very people we should be most want to protect.

The video will provide you with some great insights for sharing this topic with others. Timelines are very tight on this Bill – we must act now if we will have an impact.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, March 4, 2021** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted.

All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. We will all observe 2 metres distance from each other. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Tune in to an **UPCOMING RADIO CONCERT** at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Kitchener on **Friday, March 5th** from 7 - 8 p.m., called "Music at St. Matthews." St. Matthews Lutheran has been recording for radio since the 1930s! Our organist at the 5 p.m. Mass, Alex is playing a hopeful program to remind us that the Holy Spirit is always with us. You can listen to it on the CKWR website or FM 98.5.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE VIRTUALLY!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats and programs:

- Turn, Turn, Turn Weekend – March 5-7 – with Greg Kennedy, S.J.
- Teilhard de Chardin Weekend Retreat – March 12 – 14 with Bernie Carroll, S.J. and Andre Auger.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT - Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at: www.me.org.

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